

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

The specification has been amended as follows:

Page 10, Lines 10-17:

a<sup>1</sup>  
1 The display electrodes 12 and the address electrodes 22 are both arranged in uniform  
2 parallel lines, the display electrodes 12 being placed at right angles to the barrier ribs 24, and the  
3 address electrodes 22 being parallel with the barrier ribs 24. The panel composed of the front  
4 panel 10 and the back panel 20 has a structure in which the points where the display panel  
5 electrodes 12 and the address electrodes 22 intersect to form cells to emit red, green and blue  
6 light.

Page 18, Lines 15-25, through Page 19, Line 19.

a<sup>2</sup>  
1 A paste of a sealing glass frit is ~~applied~~ applied to a peripheral region of one or both of  
2 the front panel 10 and the back panel 20 which have been manufactured as described above, and  
3 the applied paste is pre-baked so that resin and other elements are removed, forming a glass  
4 sealant layer. The front panel 10 and the back panel 20 are then put together with the display  
5 electrodes 12 and the address electrodes 22 facing each other at right angles. Both panels 10 and  
6 20 are then heated, softening the glass sealant layer and sealing them together. As a result, an  
7 inner space (a space between the front panel 10 and the back panel 20, surrounded by the glass  
8 sealant layer) is sealed from the outside.

1 Page 24, Lines 24-25, through Page 25, Line 3.

a<sup>3</sup>  
The present embodiment has an atmosphere of dry air inside the heating furnace ~~51~~ 41,  
and so dry air drifts into the inner space through the gaps. Accordingly, the deterioration in the  
blue phosphors during the sealing process is more effectively decreased.